(g) what is the amount due assessed by the team on each drug of Hoechst upto 31st December, 1983 along with the recovery rate and production in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) and (b). The required details are given in reply to parts (b) and (c) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 239 for 28-11-88. The balance amount would be recovered as per due process of law.

(c) to (g). The required details to the extent information is available would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Higher power rates in Thanjavur

1882. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Thanjavur Municipal Electricity Department in Tamil Nadu is charging higher rates than the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board for the consumption of Power by S.S.I. Units; and

(b) if so, whether the State Government propose to remove the disparity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Thanjavur Municipal Electricity System

1883. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representations have been received from the Tamil Nadu Consumer Protection Council and others during August, 1988 regarding hardship and monetary loss caused to the public of Thanjavur by the attitede by the Thanjavur Municipal Electricity System; and

(b) if so, the nature of the complaints and the action proposed to be taken by Government on the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Abolishing of Municipal Electricity Supply Agencies in Tamil Nadu

1884. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Tamil Nadu is considering abolishing of Municipal Electricity Supply Agencies (Departments) and merging them with the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board;

(b) if so, the names of the Municipalities in Tamil Nadu, which are presently acting as agents to supply power to consumers; and

(c) the reasons for delay in abolishing there agencies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sale of chembur plant of Union Carbide to Oswal Agro Mills

1885. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chembur Plant of Union Carbide India Limited has been sold to Oswal Agro Mills and a Memorandum of Understanding has been

signed subject to the approval of the Government of India;

(b) whether Government of India had assured to Union Carbide India Limited Employees' Union, Bombay that workers interests would be fully protected before giving approval to the Memorandum of Understanding;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken steps to protect the interests of workers of Chembur Plant of UCIL before granting approval for the Memorandum of Understanding reached with Oswal Agro Mills; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) M/s. Union Carbide India Ltd. have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with M/s. Oswal Agro Mills for the sale of their Chembur Unit. This Memorandum of Understanding is subject to various regulations of the Government such as FERA etc.

The Union Carbide India Ltd. employees' Union desired that while taking a decision on this sale, care should be taken that the interest of the Employees should be safeguarded. This request will be taken into account at the appropriate time before according approval to the sale.

Memorandum submitted by Bengal Immunity workers union

1886. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum dated 10th August, 1988 has been received by Government from Bengal Immunity Workers' Union, Calcutta;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the said memorandum; and

(c) the action taken by Government on the suggestions contained in the Memoradum?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In their Memorandum, the Union has suggested for appointment of a full-time Managing Director release of adequate funds; appointment of middle management level officers; utilisation of existing capacity of the plant etc.

(c) Orders for appointment of Managing Director, Bengal Immunity Ltd. have recently been issued. He is likely to join his duties shortly and take care of the various suggestions, made by the Union. In order to improve its working, a Rehabilitation Package has been drawn up for the company with the help of Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India.

Sub-post office in Jangla in Shimla district

1887. SHRI R. S. NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no Sub-Post Office in Jangla under Shimla District in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal to open a Sub-Post Office in Jangla in the next financial year; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir. However, there is a branch post office at Jangla.

(b) and (c) The upgrading of Jangla branch post office to the level of a departmental sub office has already been sanctioned on the basis of Non-Returnable Contribution (NRC) to be paid by the Government of Himachal Pradesh. Action to upgrade the post office will be taken as soon as the requisite NRC is deposited by the State Government.